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1. African Youth Movement

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

African Youth Movement engages the services of talented African youths, in particular disabled and marginalized young people, to address water resources management, climate change adaptability and environmental sustainability at the rural level through dialogue among different stakeholders.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Movement works with country networks through workshops, partnerships and online surveys to: (a) raise awareness of disaster risk and related health and environmental issues; (b) support informed decision-making capabilities; (c) implement actions to achieve effective disaster risk reduction and sustainable health; (d) facilitate partnerships between stakeholders; (e) provide leadership training to youth; and (f) strengthen the advocacy efforts of local governments.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

From January 2008, through the Views from the Frontline project, the African Youth Movement developed a detailed report on disaster zones across Nigeria and presented it at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva in June 2009.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

None.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Movement is a representative of the Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction, which collaborates with the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

In 2006, the Movement re-initiated grass-roots participation and management for rural water-related risks in Ebo Itu-Mbonsuo, Nigeria, aimed at providing sustainable and safe water for drinking, farming and other domestic and public uses. The project includes awareness and education programmes and capacity-building for

local support infrastructure. The initiative's contributing to the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals related to poverty, health and gender.

2. AFS Inter-Cultural Programs

Special, 1974

I. Introduction

AFS Inter-Cultural Programs is an international voluntary, non-governmental, non-profit organization that provides intercultural learning opportunities. The majority of the work focuses on enabling secondary school students to live abroad with local host families and attend school overseas for a year.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AFS is a people-to-people movement, primarily engaged in facilitating intercultural educational exchange for over 12,000 participants annually. It has a network of more than 40,000 volunteers worldwide and operates through national member organizations in 52 countries. Programmes include immersion in local cultures and languages and community service projects.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AFS has developed a relationship with the Alliance of Civilizations, aimed at supporting, through a network of partnerships, the development of projects that promote understanding and reconciliation among cultures and, in particular, between Muslim and western societies. On 27 October 2007, the organization hosted a world peace forum in New York City for almost 800 participants. Also in 2007, it sponsored a petition for a global expansion of youth exchange programmes; a petition presentation ceremony was held at the United Nations on 6 June 2008.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The President and Chief Executive Officer of the organization was invited to speak at the Second Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations, held in Istanbul on 6 and 7 April 2009. The organization sponsored luncheons at United Nations Headquarters in May 2006 and June 2008 to inform and update United Nations staff and AFS alumni, including Jan Eliasson, President of the General Assembly at its sixtieth session, about its accomplishments.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AFS promotes and collaborates with many other non-governmental organizations on United Nations-sponsored commemorations, such as International Volunteer Day, and supports project seminars, workshops and education on human rights.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

None.

3. Amman Center for Human Rights Studies

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

Amman Center for Human Rights Studies is an independent, regional, scientific advocacy centre for studies, research and training on issues pertaining to human rights and democracy. Its activities are carried out either independently or in cooperation with local, Arab and international non-governmental organizations in Jordan, the Middle East and North Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Center aims to strengthen its role as an independent regional human rights institution; monitor compliance with human rights in Jordan and the Arab world; educate the Arab public about its legal, political and civil rights; review local laws and legislation to ensure compatibility with international principles and standards; and strengthen partnerships with similar institutions everywhere. It has conducted over 500 training courses on various human rights issues and on international agreements and international law. It has also published extensively on human rights issues in the Arab world.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Center, together with other Jordanian human rights organizations, submitted a report on the human rights situation in Jordan to the Human Rights Council for the universal periodic review and composed a report to shadow the Government's report submitted in the context of the review. It held numerous workshops on the universal periodic review process in Erbil, Iraq, to help Iraqi non-governmental organizations prepare their reports.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The Center attended the workshop and public event on the universal periodic review organized by the Human Rights Council in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2007. It also organized a workshop on the universal periodic review in Geneva from 9 to 12 February 2008.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Activities included the conduct of educational training courses for journalists in 2007, with financial support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); training courses, on human rights, with United Nations agencies, in 2006; training courses on elections and youth political participation in 2007, with UNDP; a training course for journalists on human rights reporting in 2006, in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; and the implementation of a project on the empowerment of women and youth in the electoral process in Iraq in 2006 and 2007 to build the capacity of Iraqi non-governmental organizations and train election observers, conducted in cooperation with the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq and the United Nations Office for Project Services.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

In the context of gender equality and the empowerment of women, the Center organized, in Jordan, discussion sessions on women's rights to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

III. Additional information

The Amman Center for Human Rights Studies has published reports and books on, inter alia, the electoral systems of the world, press freedom in Arab countries, juvenile justice and human rights and the criminal justice system, as well as annual reports on the death penalty in the Arab world.

4. Baptist World Alliance

Special, 1974

I. Introduction

Baptist World Alliance is a global movement of Baptists established in London in 1905 at the first Baptist World Congress.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The Alliance has six continental unions or regional fellowships: the Asia-Pacific Baptist Federation, the All Africa Baptist Fellowship, the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship, the European Baptist Federation, the North American Baptist Fellowship and the Union of Baptists in Latin America. The Alliance unites Baptists for fellowship and worship and responds to people in need through projects and activities aimed at the attainment of self-sufficiency and sustainable development, including in the areas of agriculture, health and education.

B. Significant changes in the organization

In 2008, a division on freedom and justice was established to oversee the Alliance's relationship with the United Nations.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Baptist World Alliance observes Human Rights Day. It also advocates the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The Alliance attended meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Alliance focuses on the HIV/AIDS pandemic, attaching priority to development projects and education, as well as the mapping of a project undertaken with the guidance of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The Alliance has been working in the context of the Micah Challenge to promote efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. It has also sponsored several conferences and created opportunities for peacebuilding and reconciliation among Baptists and others.

III. Additional information

In 2009, the Baptist World Alliance issued a formal response, expressing agreement, to *A Common Word Between Us and You*, a letter written by 138 Muslim leaders and scholars, appealing to Christians and Muslims to work towards peace and religious freedom. The Alliance's member bodies around the world also develop projects and

actions in human-rights-related areas, including education, women's and children's rights, economic and social justice, peace and reconciliation and hunger relief.

5. Center for Oceans Law and Policy

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

The Center for Oceans Law and Policy at the University of Virginia School of Law supports research, education and discussion on legal and public policy issues relating to the oceans.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Center sponsors annual conferences, publications and lectures, and keeps archives of ocean documents, including one of the world's largest collections of materials relating to the law of the sea. The Center founded the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy 15 years ago and continues to sponsor it.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Center has published a six-volume set of commentaries on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982 that are regularly cited by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and scholars around the world as an authoritative history of the Convention.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The Center has regularly attended meetings of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at United Nations Headquarters.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Center has co-sponsored meetings with the Food and Agricultural Organization and the International Maritime Organization. The Center has also co-hosted meetings with the International Seabed Authority and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

C. Activities in line with Millennium Development Goals

The Center has supported initiatives in the context of the Millennium Development Goals by holding an annual meeting on environmental and security issues relating to the oceans.

6. Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

The Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs was created as a forum to promote expert discussion of pressing regional and international issues and public understanding of such issues, and to introduce new approaches and initiatives to ongoing debates.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The main objective of the Council is to promote public debate and understanding of foreign policy issues regionally and internationally, first and foremost those relating to the strategic, economic and political interests of Egypt. To achieve its mission, the Council draws upon the diverse knowledge of its members and other recognized experts, including Government officials. The Council also serves as a forum for foreign dignitaries, official and non-official, to meet and discuss matters of concern with representatives of Egyptian civil society.

B. Significant changes in the organization

The Council has formed a number of specialized working groups in various regions to examine specific issues of regional and global importance relating to the United States of America; Africa; Arab affairs; Asia; Europe; Latin America; Israel; energy; the Nile Basin and the Valley; arms control and regional security; the United Nations and international organizations; the environment and climate change; international law and human rights; cultural and social affairs; and the corporate committee.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs organized informal meetings on disarmament and arms control at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 30 April 2008 with non-governmental organizations and leading figures from seven Member States in preparation for the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies

The Council attended the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 2 to 13 March 2009 at United Nations Headquarters, and the 2009 High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council, held in Geneva.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

None.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

None.

7. International PEN

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

International PEN, the worldwide association of writers, with 145 centres in 104 countries, was established in 1921 after the First World War to develop fellowship among writers around the globe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

PEN is committed to the free expression and transmission of ideas and to dispelling race, class, religious and national hatred through the written word. PEN promotes literature, international campaigning on freedom of expression and improving access to literature worldwide.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2009, the Writers in Prison Committee of International PEN set up a programme on the universal periodic review of the Human Rights Council with the objective of promoting a review process that is widely understood and encourages the participation of non-governmental organizations. PEN submitted several reports at the universal periodic review working group sessions: a joint report on Tunisia (Geneva, 7 to 18 April 2008); a report on China (Geneva, 2 to 13 February 2009); a report on Afghanistan and Viet Nam (Geneva, 4 to 15 May 2009); and a report on Eritrea (Geneva, 30 November to 9 December 2009).

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization participated annually in the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women held from 2006 to 2009 in New York and attended the sessions of the Human Rights Council from 2006 to 2009, making oral submissions on the status of freedom of expression in China, on combating defamation of religions, on Colombia, on Afghanistan and on Viet Nam. In June 2008, PEN contributed information to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights that was subsequently incorporated into the report of the Secretary-General on combating defamation of religions, submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/154.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In October 2008, the Programme Director of the Writers in Prison Committee of International PEN met with the Special Rapporteur for the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression to report on abuses against writers and print journalists.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 2. The organization promoted and supported projects on creative reading and writing in schools in Algeria, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Colombia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Malawi, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Uganda and Zambia.

Goal 3. The Women Writers Committee of International PEN organized regional conferences for women writers so as to identify and articulate issues of significance to women and to initiate programmes to address those issues.

8. Interregional Union of Life Help for Mentally Handicapped Persons "Sail of Hope"

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The objective of the organization is to protect the rights of mentally handicapped people in institutions and organizations in the Russian Federation.

B. Significant changes in the organization

The adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities strengthened the position of the organization in working with the Government of the Russian Federation to ratify the Convention.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization participated in discussions and submitted a proposal in support of disabled persons in the context of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2006; submitted articles on the rights of children to the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat; and attended seminars to discuss the condition of the mentally handicapped in the Russian Federation. In partnership with the United Nations information centre in Moscow, the organization participated in the work of Council on the Rights of the Disabled to discuss Russian legislation on disabled and mentally handicapped persons. It also set up an informal working group to promote the ratification of the Convention by the Russian Federation and began a joint project with the United States of America on the Sail of Hope, which permitted colouring books, pencils and other articles to be distributed to Russian orphanages.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

Attended the fifty-ninth Department of Public Information/NGO Conference, held from 6 to 8 September 2006 in New York.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is cooperating with the United Nations Children's Fund in Moscow to prepare research papers and studies on the situation of children in Chechnya.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization collected clothes and food to send to Chechnya.

Goal 2. The organization promoted primary schooling for mentally handicapped children.

9. Italian Association for Aid to Children

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

Italian Association for Aid to Children is a non-profit organization which defends the rights of children. In 1991, the Association co-founded EurAdopt, an organization that promotes coordination among all major European organizations dealing with inter-country adoption.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the Association is to promote the recognition of the child as a person and to protect his or her fundamental rights to life, to health, to a family, to education, to play and to innocence. In particular, it focuses on children who do not go to school, who are obliged to work or prostitute themselves, who lack adult care and supervision or who are subjected to violence or other forms of exploitation. The Association works together with the Government and civil society to ensure the protection and promotion of children's rights as set out in the Convention on the Rights of the Child by addressing poverty eradication initiatives and supporting the development of legal standards for local foster care and adoption systems.

B. Significant changes in the organization

In 2009, the Association opened an office in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

II. Contribution of the Organization to the work of the United Nations

The Italian Association for Aid to Children implements the Child Friendly School Initiative with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), including in Cambodia, as an essential component of the national strategy for poverty reduction. Since 2006, the Association has worked with a local partner to develop a programme for the prevention of female infanticide in Tamil Nadu, India. The programme promotes education for the girl child and conducts training programmes for adolescent girls, boys and women, as well as vocational training. It also focuses on providing education in rural areas in Burkina Faso.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

None.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2006, the Association project Fekat Circus promoted awareness of HIV and tuberculosis among school-aged children and youth in Ethiopia. In 2008 the Association contributed to the Italian NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child and to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Also in 2008, the organization contributed to the complementary report to the third and fourth periodical country report on the implementation by Viet Nam of the Convention on the Rights of the Child for the period 2002 to 2007. In 2009, it together with the Italian NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child, sent a joint submission to the universal periodic review. In 2009, in collaboration with UNICEF Cambodia (Child Protection Department), the Association coordinated activities with international organizations to enhance the child protection system in Cambodia.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The Association contributed to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, India, Cambodia and Viet Nam. Major actions include the following:

Goal 2. 61,572 children provided with primary education; 1,758 teachers trained.

Goal 3. 1,420 girls attended secondary schools; 1,653 women trained.

Goal 4. 60,711 malnourished children provided with feeding and neonatal paediatric treatment.

Goal 6. 1,474 persons provided with HIV tests and counselling; 498 women and 241 children provided with care, treatment and support for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission.

Goal 7. 5,000 families provided with access to safe drinking water.

10. Jesuit Refugee Service

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

Jesuit Refugee Service is an international Catholic organization whose mission is to accompany and to serve and defend the rights of refugees and forcibly displaced persons. The organization offers services at the regional and national levels, supported by an international centre in Rome.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization provides direct services to refugees and asylum-seekers and internally displaced persons in camps, urban centres and other locations in over 57 countries. It provides primary-level education at refugee camps and settlements throughout Africa and emergency assistance to forcibly displaced persons in many

parts of Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe and North America. In the area of advocacy, the Service works at all levels, either on its own or in collaboration with other groups, to promote the rights of forcibly displaced individuals or groups.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Jesuit Refugee Service works to protect the rights of refugees, providing legal assistance for asylum applications, support in connection with access to services, registration return or resettlement, and training for public officials, local non-governmental organizations and refugees. The activities of the organization cover a wide range of formal and informal schooling, including preschool, tertiary and special education, scholarships, life skills, vocational training, adult literacy, computer and language classes and education for peace and reconciliation, as well as training for teachers. In the area of emergency relief, the Service distributes food and non-food items, provides shelter and supports the rehabilitation and maintenance of dwellings. It also provides health care, health education and training for medical and nursing staff, including with regard to HIV/AIDS awareness-raising. In detention centres, it offers chaplaincy services.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The Service participated in, inter alia, the Third Dialogue on Protection Challenges, held in Geneva on 9 and 10 December 2009; the meeting of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, held in Geneva from 28 September to 2 October 2009; the drafting of a non-governmental organization statement for the Bureau of Asia and the Pacific of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); the annual consultations of UNHCR with non-governmental organization partners from 29 June to 1 July 2009; and the annual consultation of UNHCR with non-governmental organizations from 25 to 27 June 2008.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Service works with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs as an implementing or collaborating partner.

C. Activities in line with Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. In Lusaka, the Service trained women in hairstyling, restaurant management and computer skills. In Nairobi, its facilities provided a market for refugee-made handicrafts. It promotes reintegration programmes for former child soldiers in Chad, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In Makhado, South Africa, the Service provided emergency food assistance to over 20,000 refugees from Zimbabwe.

Goal 2. The Service provided elementary education to over 150,000 primary school children annually throughout the world. It also constructed schools and trained primary teachers in the Sudan, Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

11. Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

The Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic are Catholic religious women who serve in 27 countries around the world as nurses, doctors, teachers, social workers, catechists, theologians, agronomists, artists, journalists, environmentalists, promoters of women and community development specialists.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Maryknoll Sisters work on issues of justice, peace, human security and sustainable development in Africa, Asia, Latin America and North America. Specifically, the work includes HIV/AIDS education, agricultural, ecological and peacebuilding projects, migrant settlement, the economic and social promotion of women, relief efforts, programmes against racism and support for legislation against prostitution and trafficking of women and children.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Contributions include the establishment of a peacebuilding team in Kenya (2007-2009); peacekeeping in Palestine/Israel (2007-2009) and in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2009); feeding internally displaced people in Nairobi after the election crisis in Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania; and the establishment of a non-governmental organization for human rights and the environment in Peru.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization participated in the meetings of the Commission on Sustainable Development on an annual basis, delivered statements, organized a side event and served on the climate change panel; participated in the meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women held on 3 March 2009; co-sponsored, with the mission of Grenada, a side event in preparation for the one-day summit on climate change held in New York on 16 September 2009; and contributed to the preparation of a paper entitled "Climate change: summary and recommendations for Governments", for the fifteenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Copenhagen, in December 2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization published research papers on, inter alia, climate change, arms trade and poverty; participated in the Disarmament Commission and in the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; cooperated with the United Nations Environment Programme on its educational activities; and attended the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, held in New York, from 24 to 26 June 2009.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization conducted a programme aimed at the eradication of poverty in Namibia, in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (2007 and 2008).

Goal 2. The organization implemented a school nutrition programme for children in Joao Pessoa, Brazil (2006-2009).

Goal 3. The organization worked successfully to pass legislation to protect women and children from prostitution and trafficking in New York State in 2008.

Goal 6. The organization undertook HIV/AIDS education in Yangon, Myanmar (2006-2009) and conducted workshops in Guatemala for HIV/AIDS prevention.

Goal 7. The organization worked with human rights and environmental non-governmental organizations in Condoraque, Peru, in 2009 for the remediation of indigenous people's land and water contaminated by large-scale mining in the community.

12. Medical Aid for Palestinians

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

Medical Aid for Palestinians works to improve the health of Palestinians living under occupation and as refugees. It has offices in the West Bank and Gaza and in Beirut.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Occupied Palestinian Territory: The organization delivers health and medical care to those worst affected by conflict, occupation and displacement. Working in partnership with local health-care providers and hospitals, it addresses a wide range of health issues and challenges, focusing on key areas of child health and primary health care, disability and rehabilitation, psycho-social health and emergency preparedness and response. The organization works to achieve sustainable improvements in health by building local capacity and by working with households to address gaps in health services. It has supported the development of several

specialized clinics and outreach services and works with Palestinian and Lebanese non-governmental organizations to finance interventions and capacity development.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

In the occupied Palestinian territory, Medical Aid for Palestinians shares information with the United Nations access team and actively participates with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs logistics working group. The organization was an active member of the United Nations health cluster and was the lead contact with the United Nations on health-related issues. In the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, it recently contributed to the panel for the United Nations Association human rights film festival, which highlighted lack of access to health care in the West Bank.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In both Lebanon and the occupied Palestinian territory, the organization worked on maternal and child health-related issues in the refugee camps with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), including by providing training to UNRWA staff to increase their skills in that area. It has also maintained a working relationship with the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization revived 60 small businesses in Lebanon so as to increase household incomes; supported housing repairs in the Dbaye camp in Lebanon; and provided regular meals and health education to vulnerable schoolchildren and malnourished infants in Gaza.

Goals 4 and 5. The organization provided training to health providers in advanced emergency obstetrics and neonatal life support and established a neonatal intensive care unit at the Al-Awda hospital, with funding from the Department for International Development of the United Kingdom; established a maternal and child health network to streamline resources in Gaza, funded by Irish Aid and in partnership with UNRWA; increased primary health-care service delivery in Jericho; and trained 20 medics, senior nurses and emergency medical technicians in Gaza in advanced paediatric life-saving skills.

13. National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers is an association of criminal defence lawyers in the United States, with more than 11,000 direct members and over 90 State, local and international affiliate organizational members.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the Association is to ensure justice and due process for persons accused of crime, to foster integrity, independence and expertise in the criminal defence profession and to promote the proper and fair administration of criminal justice. The Association's work includes: (a) research in the field of criminal defence law and procedure and constitutional law; (b) advocacy; (c) sponsoring meetings of the criminal defence bar at the national and international levels; (d) representing the Association in the legislative, executive, judicial and international policymaking bodies; and (e) preserving, protecting and defending the adversarial system of justice.

B. Significant changes in the organization

The international membership of the Association increased from 34 in 2002 to 121 in 2010. The organization has expanded its international work in the area of human rights.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The Association wrote a shadow report regarding the submission of the United States under the Convention against Torture and made an oral intervention at hearings of the Committee against Torture held in Geneva from 4 to 7 May 2006; contributed to a joint shadow report and made an oral intervention on the death penalty, in the context of submission of the United States under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, at Human Rights Committee hearings in Geneva from 10 to 20 July 2006; attended the sixteenth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, held in Vienna from 23 to 27 April 2007; co-sponsored programmes and discussions in support of General Assembly resolution 62/149 on a moratorium on the use of the death penalty; contributed to the shadow report on racism in the United States submitted to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in November 2007; attended the 1853rd and 1854th meetings of the Committee, held on 21 and 22 February 2008; and attended the eighteenth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

held in Vienna from 16 to 24 April 2009, sponsoring a side event in partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on access to justice in Liberia.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In partnership with Washington and Lee University School of Law and in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the Association implemented a community-based training programme in Liberia to implement key provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 2007/24 on international cooperation for the improvement of access to legal aid in criminal justice systems, particularly in Africa.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The Association focuses on critical issues of access to justice and the right to a fair trial, which fall under activities in support of global principles in the context of the Millennium Development Goals.

14. Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas is an international faith-based organization committed to serving the poor and the disadvantaged, especially women and children. It has almost 10,000 members, with 40,000 co-workers ministering in 44 countries worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's work includes the provision of health, educational and other social services in partnership with local colleagues. In Africa, it works with ministries of education, including in the area of HIV/AIDS prevention and the provision of direct care for persons living with AIDS. In Latin America and the Caribbean, projects focus on empowering poor women through literacy projects. In Asia, projects are related mainly to education, and in Europe (Italy, France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ireland and Romania) and North America, members are involved in the wide range of activities referred to above, as well as in advocacy work. Since 1998, the organization's relationship with the United Nations has been facilitated through on office known as Mercy Global Concern.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies

The principal focus of the organization has been social development and the eradication of poverty. It has been actively involved in many United Nations meetings and served two terms as a member of the board of the Executive Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations, associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information, helping to draft and sign numerous interventions on social exclusion, education, the feminization of poverty, girls' education, gender equality and the link between poverty and HIV/AIDS and trafficking in women and children. Members of the organization have also participated in: (a) the Commission on Social Development (February 2006, February 2007, February 2008 and February 2009); (b) the Commission on the Status of Women (27 February to 10 March 2006, 26 February to 9 March 2007, 29 February to 7 March 2008 and 2 to 13 March 2009); and (c) the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (15 to 26 May 2006, 14 to 25 May 2007, 21 April to 2 May 2008 and 18 to 29 May 2009).

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization participates in the NGO/Department of Public Information annual conferences. The former Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women serves as a member of the Mercy Global Concern Advisory Board. The organization holds an annual conference on the theme "Bridging the gap between policy and practice" at the Church Centre for the United Nations. It participates in the NGO Committee on Social Development, the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, the Working Group on Girls of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); and the NGO Committees on Poverty and Climate Change and on Poverty (sub-committees of the Commission on Social Development). Publications include *Where in the World are My Sisters?* (2006), which used United Nations data to compare poverty levels worldwide and examples of good practice and actions taken to implement the Millennium Development Goals, and *Just Imagine*, a brochure published by Mercy Global Concern in 2008 to highlight the plight of the girl child.

15. Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence is a non-profit, non-political non-governmental organization which promotes education on human rights and a culture of non-violence. Since 2000, the organization has also been a member of the Denmark-based International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims and a

member of the AMAN Network, which facilitates the rehabilitation of victims of violence and torture in the Middle East and North Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to promote the rule of law and a culture of non-violence, disseminate information and raise awareness about victims of violence and facilitate links with national, regional and international organizations to exchange views, experiences and knowledge on the issue.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has implemented joint projects with various United Nations bodies in the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations information centre, the United Nations Department of Public Information, the United Nations Population Fund, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Organization for Migration.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization participated regularly in Human Rights Council sessions.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The activities of the organization include a project on the promotion of human rights and access to justice, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme; training for counsellors on family court procedures, with the United Nations Population Fund; the organization of training sessions on reducing gender-based violence; and a project on the promotion of a culture of human rights in schools, in cooperation with all United Nations agencies in the Islamic Republic of Iran. The organization also conducted courses on human rights for youth, non-governmental organization activists, judicial science students, governmental and non-governmental managers in Kerman Province and Judges in Tehran Province, as well as for religious minorities.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 3. The organization contributed to the goal through capacity-building and training on women's issues, including by the holding of workshops, courses and seminars.

16. Women's Welfare Centre

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

Women's Welfare Centre was established in 1988 as a women's organization and is based in Pune, India. It has a network of over 400 groups of women from approximately 100 slums in Pune.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to promote gender equality through women's empowerment programmes. The target group for the organization is women who are victims of domestic violence, of societal discrimination and injustice.

B. Significant changes in the organization

The organization has expanded its activities to the state of Bihar, in northern India.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Women's Welfare Centre has been actively involved in promoting microcredit programmes among economically and socially disadvantaged women with a view to improving their socio-economic conditions. The Centre provided educational assistance to poor students to prevent them from dropping out of school. It provided health services to 45 remote villages and organized HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns among youth, women and inter-state drivers.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The Chief Executive Director of Women's Welfare Centre attended the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 26 February to 9 March 2007.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

None.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization promotes gender equality through interventions to reduce domestic violence and the sexual abuse of women and girl children. It has trained women as paralegals to assist victims of violence. It also conducts education and

awareness programmes on that issue, organizes microcredit groups to promote economic independence and enhance women's decision-making power, organizes training to improve the skills of women entrepreneurs, promotes girls' education by providing educational assistance to poor families to prevent school dropout and conducts preschool classes, with a special focus on girl children, so as to motivate children and encourage parents to enrol them in schools.

17. Youth Empowerment Alliance

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

Youth Empowerment Alliance was established in 1999 as an international non-governmental organization focusing on the creation and implementation of projects to enhance the lives of children.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The primary goal of the Alliance is to empower children and young people by strengthening child participation programmes, supporting the enforcement of legal remedies that impact the lives of children and providing other opportunities for a healthy childhood. The Alliance is an advocate for the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and works with Member States, non-governmental organizations and private companies to incorporate its principles into policies for children, including in the areas of migration, adoption, juvenile justice, child labour (including trafficking and exploitation), children's rights, education, social development, academic research and legal theory.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Youth Empowerment Alliance implemented the Africa Works project, which developed the Economic EcoSystem, aimed at transforming poor rural communities from charity-based economies to thriving, sustainable cooperative communities by putting in place all components of the supply chain prior to the start of a project. The Alliance organized a workshop for ministers of communication policy throughout Asia to discuss the vital role of young people in developing solutions in the context of the Millennium Development Goals, in cooperation with the Soong Ching Ling Foundation and the All-China Youth Federation in China and the United Nations Department of Public Information. It created public service print and broadcast advertisements, including with a local NBC affiliate in the United States, to promote children's issues. The Alliance worked with the State Attorney's office in Florida to create the Rap against Violence, to deter young people from joining gangs and engaging in gun violence. The project, renamed Battle 4 Life, won a national award from the United States Department of Justice and will be implemented nationally by the Alliance.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

A representative of the Alliance spoke at the fourth World Summit on Media for Children and Adolescents, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in April 2004, and the Alliance was instrumental in creating, with UNICEF, the Youth Charter that was presented as an outcome of the conference. Representatives of the Alliance also spoke at the Arab World Film Festival for Youth, held in Cairo in March 2006, and at the PLAN International youth media conference on the role of youth in the world, held in Bamako in June 2006.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Alliance organized a day of study on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, providing all research materials, preparing a draft optional protocol and making a presentation, in Geneva on 30 May 2008, with a view to encouraging the Committee to consider the creation of an individual complaint mechanism for the Convention. It is currently serving on the working group of NGOs to develop an optional protocol three to the Convention and an individual complaint mechanism. It is also serving on the Committee to encourage the United States to ratify the Convention. It was a speaker and workshop leader at the fifth World Summit on Media for Children and Adolescents, discussing the role of youth media in social change, in cooperation with UNICEF, in March 2007.